



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League November 2014 www.breckenridgeikes.org



Renters (Past, Present and Future)

You are very important to the Breckenridge Chapter and we thank you on many levels. You bring exposure to our Chapter and the League and its mission "protection of the environment". Many of you and your guests became members and advocates for a better environment. And lastly, the continued existence of this wonderful facility depends on the income generated by rents.

Over the years, this facility with a capacity for 100 has accommodated almost every kind of gathering and event. Our location in Brooklyn Park on the Mississippi River is one of the most unique places in the Twin Cities. Accessed from West River Road, the Lodge, sited on 3 plus acres, provides a real "big woods" experience in the heart of a major metropolitan area. The original part of the Lodge was constructed in 1926. Also, part of the site is a 7 acre wilderness island in the river. Even many local residents are not aware of this jewel in their back yard.

To experience our facility in use and to learn more about the League, come to our next social/educational meeting on October 28 at 7:30 pm when Dr. Julia Ponder, Executive Director of the U of M Raptor Center will present a program on her ecological work in the Galapagos Islands.

Regarding rental management, the Breckenridge Chapter is currently in transition. Tim Johnson will be taking over the job from Wes Hendrickson who has handled rentals for the past 7 years. The transition will be completed by the end of 2014. Current renters, those under contract, please continue your contact through Wes Hendrickson at 763-566-7687. Future renters should contact Tim Johnson at 763-560-2497 or email johns860@mac.com. Of course the Breckenridge Chapter rental number, 763-561-5364, will remain

available. Also please check the W.J. Breckenridge Chapter, IWLA website <http://www.breckenridgeikes.org> for details about rental and membership. It is our goal to make this transition as seamless as possible.

Wes Hendrickson
Tim Johnson

A Personal Note:

"It has been a pleasure to serve renters for the past several years and I thank you for taking good care of the facility while it was in your use." - Wes

November

11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00

25 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

Speaker: Kim Nowicki, Outdoor Education Supervisor West Coon Rapids Dam Visitor Center, North Mississippi regional Park

December

09 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00

January

13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00

**Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak
Walton League**
October 14, 2014
Board of Directors Meeting Notes

IWLA Member Pledge: We strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, the wise stewardship of the land and its resources, to know the beauty and understanding of nature, and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space, to the preservation of this heritage, and to our sharing in it.

October 14thBoard of Directors Meeting
October 28thSocial/Education Meeting
November 11thBoard of Directors Meeting
November 25thSocial/Education Meeting
December 9thBoard of Directors Meeting
December 23rdNo Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Patrice Lindgren, John Farley, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, Tim Johnson, Barb Franklin
Mark Gustafson, Roger Williams, Wes Hendrickson **Guest:** Joe Klohs

IssuesDick/Larry
Social/Education Meeting Speakers
October – Julia Ponder, Galapagos:
Fighting for the Future
November –
The Environmental Issues Committee (EIC) is asking that each Chapter submit one or two issues to be nominated on by IWLA MN Division to focus statewide conservation work on. Please have issues submitted by the end of
October. Some suggestions made at the last EIC meeting included, wetland conservations, oil pipelines affecting the Great Lakes Region, sulfide mining, SNA protection, long eared bats conservation, invasive species, monarchs and bees, and ground water protection.
The Fall Board of Directors meeting will be held in Austin, MN October 31 – November

1, 2014.

Jim Arnold made a motion and it was seconded to add Joe Klohs as a board member.
Motion carried.

Chapter House & GroundsJim/Steve
Kitchen remodel – Board Member's kicked off our fund raising efforts by making the first donations.

Total Kitchen Remodel Fund \$3,900.
Beginning balance in Kitchen Remodel Fund \$1,700 + \$2,200 donated by the Board of Director members.

Buckthorn removal planned for Saturday, October 25th from 9 to 5. We will again have Champlin Park High School students on the property on November 4th to assist with a second date for buckthorn removal. This year we will be focusing our efforts along the bank.

Boulevard entrance garden beds. On hold until next spring.

Fireplace cleaning and repair is needed. Jim will look into getting quotes on the cost to fix the chimney damper and replace the fireplace door.

NewsletterMarlys

A request to our new board member, Joe Klohs, was made to provide bio information that can be included in the next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report John
Update was given.

Scholarship CommitteeJim
No update at this time.

Webmaster Barb
No update at this time.

RentalsTim
• Tim Johnson has finished his training and will be taking over the responsibilities as Rental Chair. There are 5 dates reserved for rentals in the month of November and 9 dates for the month of December.

MembershipLorraine
Current membership stands at 98. The 2015 membership renewal notices will be sent out the week of October 13th.

Shop for a Cause!

Looking for a unique hostess or holiday gift item? Make sure to attend the upcoming shopping event to benefit the Minnesota Environmental Fund at Ten Thousand Villages gift store.

From 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, you can shop for a great cause: the Minnesota Environmental Fund.

what: Minnesota Environmental Fund Benefit Night

Where: Ten Thousand Villages, 867 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul ([map](#))

When: Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 5 to 8 p.m.

Who: You, your friends, family and co-workers

Why: Because for every item purchased - and there are hundreds if not thousands of unique gifts for you and others in your life - a percent of the sale will benefit the Minnesota Environmental Fund.

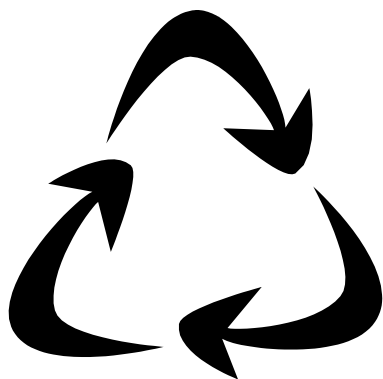
The more you shop, the more we receive!

For evening's sales of \$0-\$300: 10% of sales donated

For sales of \$301-\$500: 15% of sales donated

For sales of \$500+: 20% of sales donated

P.S. Can't make it on the 4th? Pre-shop at Ten Thousand Villages! Staff will hold your items and run your credit card information during the event. Pick up your items when it's convenient for you



Buckthorn Eradication Continues

Jim Arnold

Clearing buckthorn from the Chapter grounds is a major long term project that began four years ago. We have made significant progress and now have all of the larger shrub/trees eradicated and many of the smaller plants also. Because buckthorn seeds can remain dormant for up to six years before sprouting, we likely have a number of years remaining to deal with this invasive plant. It is obvious we are making progress, however, when we see the variety of native plants and flowers making a comeback in the spring.

Thanks to the following folks who worked on the project Saturday, Oct. 25th:

Judy Arnold

Dell & Linda Erickson

John Fraley

Barb Franklin

Mark Gustafson

Dean Halonen

Tim Johnson

Brad Larson

Dan & Dave Sherva

Tom Ward

Special thanks to Dick Brown, Larry LaFontaine and Brad Larson who used their large trailers to haul away the buckthorn; and to the city of Brooklyn Park for loaning us their weed wrenches and making a local area available for dumping buckthorn plants. This is a hard working group that somehow manages to have fun taking on this momentous task. The task is made easier when Linda brings two pots of homemade soup and Judy brings her cheesy French bread. We are all enjoying the wonderful improvement our efforts have made to the Chapter House grounds. On November 4th teachers Kim Kovich and Ed Olson from Champlin Park High School will bring their Outdoor Adventure classes to the Breckenridge Chapter grounds to attack many of the smaller buckthorn plants. Watch next month's Timberlines for information on their work.

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Tuesday meetings, please
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November 25 Patrice Lindgrin

Thank you



Soc/Ed Meeting, Nov 25th-7:30 PM

**Kim Nowicki,
Outdoor Education Supervisor
West Coon Rapids Dam Visitor Center,
North Mississippi regional Park**

There's a lot happening upriver from 8816 West River Road! Kim Nowicki, Outdoor Education Supervisor for West Coon Rapids Dam Visitor Center, will talk about activities happening at the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. Presentation will be an overview of the site, the staff, the programs, the ospreys and any changes in store for the future. Kim will also talk about the history of the Dam and the current multimillion dollar project nearing completion. There will be some question and answer time after the presentation and the opportunity for your comments as well.

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